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1. TASS WIRE FEBRUARY 22 CARRIED "COMMENTARY" BY YURIY KORNILOV ENTITLED "ON THE OCCASION OF AN ANNIVERSARY" WHICH CONSTITUTES LONGEST AND BITTEREST ATTACK ON VOA AMONG RECENT SPATE OF ARTICLES OF SIMILAR BENT (SEE REFTELS). LABELLING VOA A "MOUTHPIECE OF AMERICAN IMPERIALISM," KORNILOV ACCUSES THE STATION OF ENGAGING IN "PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE" WITH CIA BACKING AND OF DESIRING TO DISTORT, SLANDER AND MALIGN THE SOVIET UNION BY INTERFERING IN SOVIET INTERNAL AFFAIRS. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF PIECE AS CARRIED ON TASS ENGLISH-LANGUAGE WIRE:

2. (BEGIN TEXT) A "PROPAGANDA MANUAL" PUBLISHED SOME TIME AGO IN THE U.S. MAINTAINED THAT THE WORK OF A RADIO STATION IS LIKE
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THE WORK OF AN ADVERTISING AGENCY. THE RADION, THE MANUAL SAID, CAN BE LIKENED TO AN INSOLENT TRAVELLING SALES MAN WHO TRIES TO PUSH HIS FOOT IN THE DOOR TO PREVENT IT FROM BEING SLAMMED IN HIS FACE. ON FEBRUARY 24, 1942, THE "VOICE OF AMERICA" FOR THE FIRST TIME "STUCK ITS FOOT" IN THE AIR OF THE WORLD.

3. IN THE 35 YEARS SINCE, THE "VOICE OF AMERICA" HAS

DEVELOPED INTO A GIANT RADIO-COMPLEX, I TO ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL MOUTHPIECES OF AMERICAN IMPERIALISM. WHAT, THEN, ARE THE MAIN DIRECTIONS IN THE PROPAGANDA CARRIED ON THE WAVES OF THE "VOICE OF AMERICA"? HERE ARE ATTEMPTS TO WHITE-WASH THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM, TO COVER UP THE BREACHES AND CRACKS NOW CLEARLY VISIBLE NOT ONLY IN ITS FACADE, BUT ALSO IN THE FOUNDATIONS. HERE IS THE DESIRE TO DISTORT AND SLANDER THE STATE OF AFFAIRS IN THE USSR AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, TO VILIFY SOVIET POLICY AND MALIGN THE SOVIET WAY OF LIFE.

4. IT IS AMAZING HOW MANY TRICKS AND DEVICES THE "VOICE OF AMERICA" RESORTS TO FOR ATTAINING THESE ENDS. NOW IT DISSEMINATES FABRICATIONS ABOUT "FAILURES OF THE SOVIET ECONOMY", THEN, SEEING THAT THE USSR OF THIS LIE FAILS TO BRING IN THE EXPECTED DIVIDENDS, IT STARTS LAUNCHING INVESTMENTS ABOUT A NON-EXISTENT "SOVIET THREAT". THEN, AS WE ARE WITNESSING TODAY, IT RAISES A HULLABALOO AROUND MYTHICAL "HUMAN RIGHTS INFRINGEMENTS" IN THE USSR AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, CONCOCTED IN THE KITCHENS OF WESTERN PROPAGANDA CENTERS. ALL THE WHILE THE U.S. ITSELF IS BEING PORTRAYED, OF COURSE, AS THE "BASTION OF DEMOCRACY", THOUGH GROUNDS FOR SUCH PRETENSIONS ARE JUST LACKING, TO SAY THE LEAST.

5. NOW, TAKING UP THE MATTER OF DEMOCRACY, OF HUMAN RIGHTS, HISTORICAL EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT ONLY THE SOCIALIST SYSTEM CAN ENSURE GENUINE DEMOCRACY, GENUINE RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS: THE RIGHT TO WORK, TO AN EDUCATION, TO SOCIAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SECURITY, THE RIGHT TO ELECT AND BE ELECTED TO BODIES OF POWER AND ADMINISTRATIONS AT EVERY LEVEL, THE RIGHT TO CRITICISE AND CONTROL THE PERFORMANCE OF SUCH BODIES, THE RIGHT TO TAKE PART IN DISCUSSING AND IN MAKING DECISIONS, INCLUDING THOSE OF NATION-WIDE IMPORTANCE. SUCH TODAY IS SOCIALIST DEMOCRACY IN REALITY, IN ACTION.

6. WHAT CAN AMERICAN CAPITALISM OPPOSE TO ALL THIS? RACIAL OPPRESSION OF BLACKS, INDIAN RESERVATIONS? A SYSTEM OF "POLITICAL LOYALTY CHECKS" AS A RESULT OF WHICH THE FBI HAS FILES ON ABOUT (GARBLE) MILLION AMERICAN CITIZENS? SCANDALOUS EXPOSURES OF THE CRIMES AND MACHINATIONS PERPETRATED BY THE CIA, THE ULCERS OF CORRUPTION BROUGHT TO LIGHT IN CONNECTION WITH THE "LOCKHEED AFFAIR"? OR THE FACT THAT, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST FIGURES, THE NUMBER OF JOBLESS IN THE U.S. HAS REACHED 8 MILLION?

7. YET THE "VOICE OF AMERICA", HOWEVER STRANGE THIS MAY SEEM, IS NOT AT ALL INCLINED TO ACQUAINT ITS LISTENERS WITH

AMERICAN REALITIES. WHAT ELSE, IT WOULD SEEM, AN AMERICAN RADIO STATION SHOULD DO, IF NOT WIDELY AND OBJECTIVELY DESCRIBE LIFE IN THE USA, ITS ECONOMY, SCIENCE, CULTURE, DOMESTIC PROBLEMS DEEPLY CONCERNING THE PEOPLE OF THAT COUNTRY, AND ESPECIALLY SO BECAUSE THERE ARE MORE THAN ENOUGH SUCH PROBLEMS, AND VERY COMPLICATED AND ACUTE THEY ARE, TOO. BUT NO* THE DIRECTORS OF THE "VOICE OF AMERICA" CONCENTRATE THEIR MAIN EFFORTS NOT ON OBJECTIVELY ACQUAINTING LISTENERS IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES WITH PRESENT-DAY LIFE IN THE UNITED STATES, BUT ON FANNING UP THE PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE AGAINST THE SOCIALIST STATES -- EVIDENTLY NOT WITHOUT ASSISTANCE AND PROMPTING FROM THE CIA, A GREAT MASTER IN THE LINE OF STAGING ALL KIND OF PROVOCATIONS AND IDEOLOGICAL SUBVERSION.

8. AND JUST LIKE THE GOALS, ARE THE METHODS : THE "VOICE OF AMERICA" IS INDEED ACTING MORE AND MORE OFTEN LIKE AN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ARROGANT SALESMAN WHO IS TRYING TO FOIST ON HIS CUSTOMERS STALE AND ROTTEN GOODS.

9. THE FINAL ACT OF THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE, IN ITS SECTION DEVOTED TO THE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION SAYS: "THE PARTICIPATING STATES NOTE THE EXPANSION IN DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION BROADCAST BY RADIO, AND EXPRESS THE HOPE FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THIS PROCESS, SO AS TO MEET THE INTERESTS OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AMONG PEOPLES." WE WOULD LIKE TO STRESS THAT THE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION BY RADION, IF

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CARRIED OUT IN THE SPIRIT OF HELSINKI, MUST BE IN THE INTERESTS OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AMONG PEOPLES* BUT HOW CAN ONE RECONCILE THIS TAKS WITH DELIBERATE LIES ABOUT THE USSR AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, WHICH ARE HURLED ONTO THE AIR BY THE "VOICE OF AMERICA"? HOW CAN THIS TAKS BE RECONCILED WITH THE FACT THAT, WHEN DRAWING UP ITS PROGRAMS INTENDED FOR LISTENERS I THE USSR, THE "VOICE OF AMERICA" IS NOT LOATHE OF GARNISHING THEM WITH UTTERINGS FRANKLY HOSTILE TO THE SOVIET UNION AND COMING FROM ALL KINDS OF RENEGADES, AND AT TIMES JUST FROM CRIMINALS?

10. COMMENTING ON THE MULTIPLICITY OF LANGUAGES IN WHICH THE "VOICE OF AMERICA" CARRIES ITS BROADCASTS, ITS FORMER DIRECTOR JOHN CHANCELLOR WYRLY REMARKED THAT THE STATION SPEAKS MANY LANGUAGES, YET ALL IN THE SAME VOICE. WELL, THIS COULDN'T BE TRUER. THE "VOICE OF AMERICA" PROGRAMS, ABOUNDING IN SLANDER AGAINST SOCIALISM AND ATTEMPTS TO MISREPRESENT AND MALIGN THE USSR AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, TO INTERFERE IN THEIR INTERNAL AFFAIRS, BY NO MEANS PROMOTE BETTER UNDERSTANDING AMONG THE PEOPLES. (END TEXT)
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11. COMMENT: KORNILOV PIECE IS SOUPED-UP VERSION OF OTHER ITEMS REPORTED REFTELS, NOT PARTICULARLY GROUNDBREAKING IN CONTENT, ALTHOUGH KORNILOV DEFINITELY HAS LOOKED CAREFULLY IN THIS THESARUSU FOR CATCHY WORDS AND PHRASES. ALTHOUGH PIECE IS OF SOME HISTORICAL INTEREST AS PERHAPS THE MOST UNORTHODOX BIRTHDAY CARD VOA WILL RECEIVE THIS YEAR, WE SEE ITS SIGNIFICANCE IN CONTEXT OF COORDINATED MEDIA CAMPAIGN AGAINST VOA IN RECENT WEEKS WHICH EXACTLY PARALLELS INCREASING SOVIET IRRITATION OVER U.S. STANCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND PUBLICITY THEREOF.

12. REFERENCES TO CIA SUPPORT FOR VOA AND TO GROSS (INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS" ARE DISTURBINGLY REMINISCENT OF CHARGES LEVELED AT RL AND RFE.
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